

## Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

## VIRGINIA

## FAST FACTS

International students contributed an estimated **\$357.2 million** to the Virginia economy in the 2009–2010 academic year.

## Higher Learning

Virginia is ranked **#12** in the U.S. for the number of international students in its colleges and universities.

1. Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University 2. George Mason University 3. UVA-Main Campus 4. Virginia Commonwealth University 5. Northern Virginia Community College

Virginia colleges and universities with the most foreign students.

1. China 2. India 3. South Korea 4. Saudi Arabia 5. Canada

Leading places of origin for foreign students in Virginia during 2009–2010.



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**515** citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA's academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in Virginia.

**329** Virginians participated in ECA's academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

## Notable ECA Alumni

**Charles Penzel Wright**

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1998 (*Fulbright U.S. Student Program* 1963; *Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program* 1968)

**Peter H. Taylor**

Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, 1987; PEN/Faulkner Award, 1985 (*Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program* 1955)

**Rita Dove**

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1987; U.S. Poet Laureate, 1993-1995 (*Fulbright/Hays Fellow* 1974)

**Virginius Dabney**

Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing, 1948 (*Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program* 1954)

**Bob McDonnell**

71st Governor of Virginia, 2010–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*)

**Marcia Angell**

Former Editor-in-Chief of the New England Journal of Medicine (*Fulbright Scholarship*)